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ERNEST L. JOHNSON

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**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

AUTOMATIC HAIR WASHING DEVICE

(Title of the Invention)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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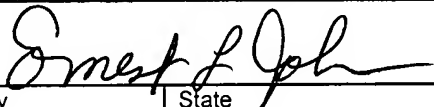
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**AUTOMATIC HAIR WASHING DEVICE**

the specification of which is attached hereto, and I have not abandoned the invention.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, and I have disclosed the best mode of carrying out the invention in said specification.

I do not know and do not believe that the subject matter of the present invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to the present application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to the present application; and said invention has not been patented or caused to be patented, or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by applicant or his legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application in the United States.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which states as follows:

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information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is canceled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

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(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

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(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with  
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of the following United States provisional  
application(s) listed below:

Application Number: 60/444,694

Filing Date: 02-04-03

I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor for the purposes of paying reduced fees to  
the Patent and Trademark Office for the invention described in the specification filed herewith with  
title as listed above.

I hereby appoint David L. Ray, Attorney at Law, Registration No. 25,367, with offices at 2051  
Silverside Drive, Suite 205, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, as my attorney in the above entitled  
application, with full power of substitution, association and revocation, to prosecute this application  
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Name	ERNEST L. JOHNSON		
Signature	<i>Ernest L. Johnson</i>		
Date	November 18, 2003	Telephone	225/343-1050

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